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Dalhousie arts get \$10M boost

Philanthropists Fred and Elizabeth Fountain donate money toward new performing arts school

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ROLLING ALONG NICELY

Mayor Mike Savage leads a pack of cyclists down Spring Garden Road on Tuesday as part of a kickoff for HRM Bike Week. The event runs from May 31 to June 9 and will feature more than 50 events across the city. Story, page 6. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

HRM seeking new brand

Identity crisis? Public will be consulted on new imaging, logo for municipality during 'rebranding' process

What it's about

"It's not just an economic development strategy, it's about attracting students, retaining students, cultural resources and tourism."

Coun. Linda Mosher

HRM is about to embark on a major "rebranding" exercise, looking for a "stronger, more contemporary and consistent brand program."

Halifax regional council approved a request from the executive council on Tuesday for senior communications staff to begin developing a replacement for the municipality's 20-year-old logo.

"A good place brand is more than just a logo or tag line, it's something that evokes an emotional response, and promises an experience of the place's best attributes," said managing director of corporate communications Bruce DeBaie.

DeBaie said feedback from six focus groups and 500 phone interviews

across HRM suggested it suffers from a "weak and fragmented" identity that needs refreshing.

"Respondents ... want to be inspired by a common identity, like other well-known cities," he said.

Support around the council table was enthusiastic, and Coun. Linda Mosher — who first introduced the idea in 2006 — said it's long overdue.

"We have to portray ourselves positively to the rest of the world and ask questions," she said. "What are we proud of? How do we define

ourselves? What sets us apart from other cities?"

The rebranding is expected to be completed in concert with an overhaul of the HRM website, which was also welcome news.

"That is one of the major tools that we're trying to promote for people to understand what we're doing, and it is practically impossible to find easily accessible reports or current information," said Coun. Jennifer Watts.

The rebranding process will involve a tender process and public consultation and is expected to take most of the year.

DeBaie said a final proposal will be brought to council for approval before being implemented.

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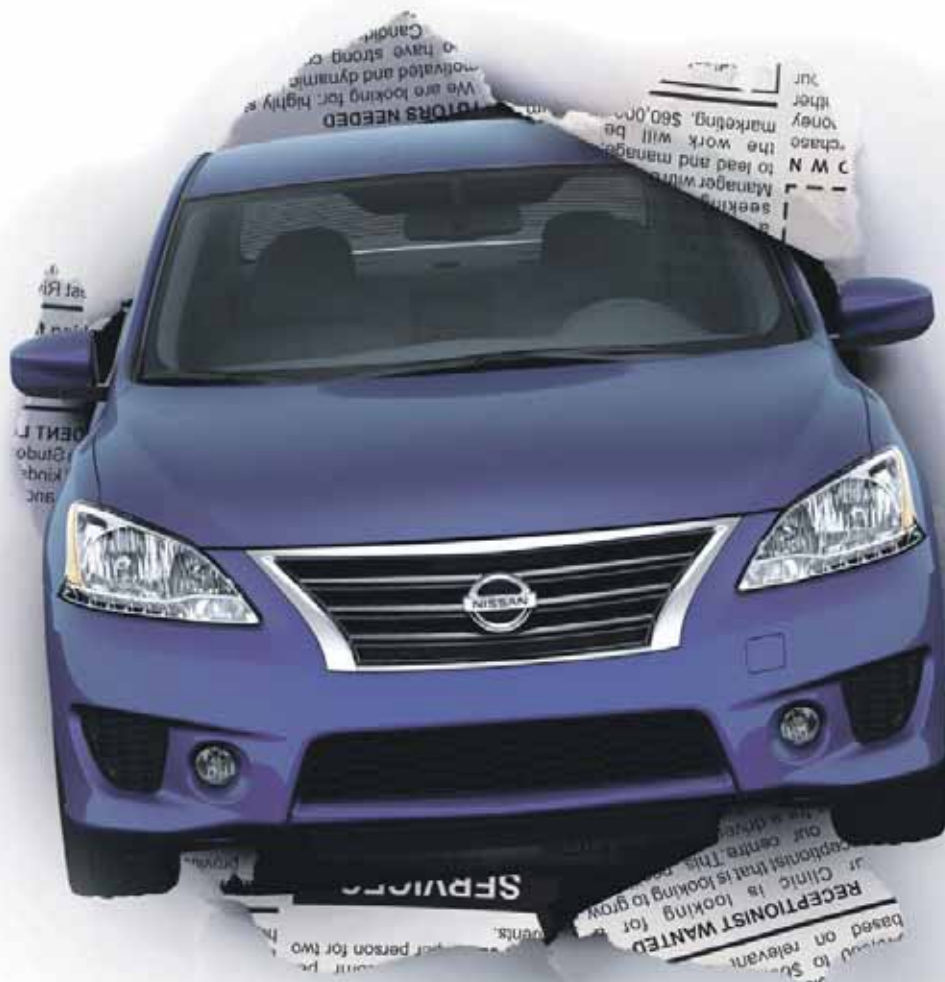
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Donation 'beautiful and overwhelming'

Dalhousie University. Fred and Elizabeth Fountain give \$10 million to establish performing arts school



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Fred Fountain said his family's \$10-million donation to establish a new performing-arts school is a message to government that creativity is worth supporting.

On Tuesday, philanthropists Fred and Elizabeth Fountain announced their largest donation ever to launch a new school of performing arts at Dalhousie University.

The school will build on the combined departments of theatre, music and costume studies by creating a visiting-artists program, more scholarships, outreach and mentorship opportunities in the city.

Separate from the donation, Fred Fountain announced the



Fred and Elizabeth Fountain at Tuesday's announcement at the Dalhousie Arts Centre. HALEY RYAN/METRO

university's commitment to refurbish the arts centre.

"If you ... look at the practice spaces in the basement with the concrete walls that were all the rage in 1970-what-ever, those things look kind of worn," he said. "They're not ... the most inspiring spaces to

practice or to rehearse."

Fountain, chancellor of Dalhousie, said his family waited to announce the gift because they wanted to find a project that was meaningful to them and had "far-reaching benefits" beyond the university.

Sarah Deller, an English and

theatre student at Dalhousie, said knowing there are people who support her studies is "really beautiful and overwhelming."

"Hearing the (donation) amount really just took me aback. It was great," Deller said.

Warda Limaye, a music

Quoted

"This will hopefully attract the calibre of professionals the students would want and students deserve."

Dalhousie music student Warda Limaye

and neuroscience student, said it's "due time" the university is receiving this funding, and echoed Deller's excitement about crossovers with music and theatre departments.

"It's just going to open up so many opportunities for collaborations, especially between students," Limaye said.

Nova Scotia's provincial and municipal governments also "should support the arts more than they do," Fountain said during the Dalhousie Arts Centre event. "It wouldn't take much more funding to make a big difference."

Activities for the performing arts school will begin next fall, and the new arts centre is expected to be finished in July 2014.



Rene Ross JEFF HARPER/METRO

Stepping Stone executive director resigns

The executive director of Stepping Stone, Rene Ross, has announced her resignation.

Ross posted on her Facebook page Monday that her decision was based on Stepping Stone's funds. "There have been significant challenges with funding ... and hopes for other funding did

not come through," she wrote.

The non-profit organization provides programs and support for sex workers, and Ross said these aspects "must be protected at all costs."

"I am hopeful that the savings the organization will accumulate by eliminating (my)

position will allow the staff to carry on with their crucial work," Ross wrote.

The post said her resignation is effective immediately, but Ross will continue to support the staff. Ross also wrote she learned more from her time at Stepping Stone than

any university "because those impacted by policy are the true experts for change."

She added that while she is not sure what is next for her, Ross will "always fight for human rights."

Ross didn't reply to an interview request. HALEY RYAN/METRO

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Rec centre. Rockingham to close at end of August

The Rockingham Community Centre has been declared surplus. City staff made the recommendation and Halifax regional council on Tuesday approved the motion, which means the centre will close at the end of August.

"It is never easy to close a rec centre," Coun. Russell Walker said.

A staff review of the condi-

tion and uses of the centre says the former fire station isn't suitably located or built for community programming, and mandated services can be provided by other HRM facilities in the area.

Walker said staff are also working with local groups to find other affordable space until a new centre is built in 2015. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**



Rockingham Community Centre is slated to close. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Police statistics. More than 50 nabbed for impaired driving in April

A reading of four times the legal limit led to one of 53 charges for impaired driving last month.

Halifax police released their April statistics on Tuesday, and they show 36 men and 17 women, from 19 to 65 years old, were charged with being impaired by alcohol while driving. Police say 27 of the arrests

happened through officer patrols, 13 were from accidents and 13 were called in by the public.

Besides the one person who had a blood-alcohol level more than four times the legal limit, police say there were 15 readings twice the legal limit and four readings three times the legal limit. **METRO**

Police call for tips

Two arrested for using fake credit cards

RCMP are hoping Nova Scotians will come forward with information about two Toronto men who may have used counterfeit credit cards at stores in the province.

The Mounties say a vehicle was stopped last week in New Brunswick after the two men allegedly attempted to buy gift cards at stores in the Moncton area using counterfeit credit cards.

Police allege that Li Yi, 31, and Puyuan Guan, 21, both charged with fraud, may also have hit stores and gas bars in Nova Scotia.

Police are asking potential victims or anyone with information to contact RCMP.

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Contamination

Boil-water warning in effect in East Hants

Residents along a stretch of Burgess Road and Highway 2 in Shubenacadie are being advised to boil their water for at least one minute before use.

The Municipality of East Hants issued the advisory on Tuesday morning because of an "apparent contamination of the public water supply and the possibility of unsafe water," a press release says.

It's been issued for boiling water before drinking, preparing infant formula, juice and ice cubes, washing fruits and vegetables, cooking, dental hygiene or any activity requiring human consumption.

TRURO DAILY NEWS



Thanks to \$40,000 in funding, the SPCA's spay-neuter clinic will carry out an estimated 3,000 surgeries a year. **METRO FILE**

'A great day for cats'

City council. Money approved for spay-neuter clinic, though some suggest one-time funding is not enough

Feline felicitations

"Having seen what's happened here over the years with cats and city council, to see them take a positive step was a huge relief, and I thank them on behalf of Tuxedo Stan."

Dr. Hugh Chisholm, Tuxedo Stan's owner



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It was a council vote that had the city's former feline mayoral candidate purring — at least according to his spokesman.

Halifax regional council voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve \$40,000 in funding for the SPCA's spay-neuter clinic, fulfilling a pledge made by most of them to Tuxedo Stan

during the last campaign.

"I think, a giant purr," Dr. Hugh Chisholm, Tuxedo Stan's representative at the council meeting, said after being asked for the famous feline's response.

The \$40,000 will be used to cover capital costs of the new surgical clinic, already built at the SPCA shelter in Burnside.

"It's a great day for cats,"

executive director Kristin Williams said. "HRM has really demonstrated their support for animal welfare with a progressive strategy that's really been developed by the community."

Williams said the shelter will carry out an estimated 3,000 surgeries a year, 1,000 of which will be for low-income families and rescue groups.

She said the program and fees will be application-based, and the clinic is ready to start performing surgeries immediately.

"We're at the onset of breeding season, so if we're not ready now, we're going to miss getting ahead of the curve this summer," Williams said.

Several councillors said during the debate that one-time support wasn't enough to fulfil the municipality's obligation to contain a burgeoning feral and stray cat population.

"This is far overdue. I do not believe this goes far enough," Coun. Bill Karsten said. "When I first read this, I wondered, are we passing the buck to the SPCA? Are we skirting our responsibilities?"

Motion to find new landfill site shot down



Coun. Stephen Adams **METRO FILE**

A councillor's motion to start looking for a new landfill site was ruled out of order and dismissed Tuesday.

Coun. Stephen Adams tabled a notice of motion to ask staff to begin the process of finding a new landfill. He cited letters from the provincial minister of the environment and leaders of both opposition parties saying changes to the Otter Lake landfill would not be permitted.

The letters were a response

to a council motion to consider changes to the landfill operations that would have extended its lifespan.

But city solicitor Marty Ward told council that Adams' motion presupposes the outcome of a public-consultation process on the future of the landfill, and was premature in terms of the provincial communication.

"What we have here from the province is a statement of political intent, rather than something that necessarily has

a legal effect at this time," he said.

Adams argued the motion was not out of order. "When the individuals responsible for making any changes to he permit say nothing will occur, then the outcome that I see is that nothing changes," he said. "I'm not presupposing an outcome."

Adams pointed out that finding a new landfill site can take up to 10 years, and the Otter Lake permit expires in 2023.

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Mayor admits terrible weakness ... he's 'nervous' on two wheels!



A group of cyclists circle around the front of city hall on Tuesday as part of a kickoff for HRM bike week. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

Bike Week. Savage joins councillors for cycle through downtown



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"Nervous."

That's how Mayor Mike Savage said he felt moments before peddling down Spring Garden Road Tuesday afternoon to promote Bike Week, "decades" since his last ride on two wheels.

Savage is, like many Halifaxians, hesitant to hop on a bicycle, and with big plans to expand bike lanes and trails across the municipality, this year's Bike Week is aimed at attracting new riders, he said.

"It's certainly something I think is really important and something I'd like to do more often," said Savage while standing over a bright red bike equipped with a yellow bell.

"It's something we can do more to support as a city, both in terms of our infrastructure needs and making it safer and more conven-

ient."

Savage and several councillors — including Jennifer Watts, Reg Rankin and Bill Karsten — donned helmets and chimed bike bells as they led the pack of about 60 riders from Victoria Park to City Hall over rain-soaked pavement.

The municipality currently has about 95 kilometres of bike lanes and about 130 kilometres of active transportation trails.

But ambitious expansions are planned and will be outlined following a review of the five-year active transportation plan, which is expected to land before council this fall.

Watts, an avid biker, said installing infrastructure is of the utmost importance.

"I often hear residents saying, 'I would bike if I felt safer,'" said Watts, sporting a hot pink helmet. "We need to respond to that."

Bike Week runs May 31 to June 9 and will feature more than 50 events for riders of all skill levels, including a bike rodeo for kids in Sackville and free bike tune-ups in downtown Halifax, the municipality's website says.

Maritime provinces launch venture-capital fund with \$32.5M

The three Maritime provinces are contributing \$32.5 million to a new regional venture capital fund that will be privately managed.

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter said Tuesday the Build Ventures fund, based in Halifax, is aimed at helping companies that have had limited access to venture capital in the past.

"We're the furthest behind

in Canada and Canada is well behind the United States, despite the fact that we have these extraordinary research institutions all around us," Dexter said.

"That's a tragedy as far as I'm concerned."

The new fund will focus on companies that are in their infancy, but they must also have an established business model and some



Darrell Dexter METRO FILE

revenue generation, he said.

Build Ventures will invest between \$1 million and \$5 million on each venture.

Dexter said Nova Scotia's Innovacorp — a Crown corporation — already provides venture capital to early-stage companies, but the pool of public funds it draws from is too small.

"We noticed there was a real problem with early-stage venture capital," he told an

impromptu news conference inside a lab at the Innovacorp offices in Halifax.

"The opportunities were segmented and relatively small. There was no pool that was particularly focused on Atlantic Canada."

He said his government first floated the idea four years ago at a premiers conference. Newfoundland and Labrador have yet to invest in the fund,

but Dexter said he's working on that.

Daniel Boyd, president of Halifax-based ABK Biomedical, said his fledgling company has already received \$1.3 million in funding from Innovacorp and other sources, but it needs more money to move on.

"We're limited by what we can get done with smaller funds," he said.

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School-board workers vote for strike action

Members of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, Local 71, have voted 91 per cent in favour of strike action to support their demands at the bargaining table.

The members, who work for the Chignecto-Central

Regional School Board, include educational assistants, clerks, administrative professionals, IT specialists, librarians and library specialists.

The vote was counted Monday night in Truro. Out of 434 votes, 396 were cast in favour of the strike action.

"The employer wants us to move backwards and accept concessions," said union president Joan Jessome. "We are not prepared to do this."

Their last contract expired June 30, 2012. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Attack on Atlantic Canada?

EI changes don't target seasonal workers: Harper

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says changes his government has implemented to employment insurance aren't an attack on Atlantic Canada's seasonal industries as the region's premiers have asserted.

Harper says the changes

to EI don't target seasonal workers, adding that any statements to the contrary would amount to "misinformation."

He says people who have paid into EI and can't find a job will be eligible for the federal assistance program.

His comments come two weeks after Atlantic Canada's premiers asked Ottawa to suspend the changes, which took effect in January.

The prime minister was in

Summerside, P.E.I., on Tuesday, where he announced \$7.7 million for three Charlottetown companies in an effort to help them bring their products to the marketplace and create jobs.

The money will go to BioVectra Inc. to develop two generic drugs, Delivra Inc. to advance topical creams and Island Abbey Foods Ltd. to research ways of using dehydrated honey for therapeutic products.

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Test drive ended in killing: Cops

Missing Ontario man found dead. Murder to be added to charges as more suspects sought

A 32-year-old father from Hamilton who took two men for a test drive last week in a truck he posted for sale was killed that night, police allege, though it's a mystery why.

Tim Bosma's body — "burned beyond recognition" — was found in the Waterloo Region, about 50 kilometres from his home, police said on Tuesday.

A Toronto man is under arrest and was set to be charged on Wednesday with first-degree murder, Hamilton police Det. Sgt. Matt Kavanagh said. Investigators were looking for at least two other suspects.

Dellen Millard, 27, was arrested on Friday and is already charged with forcible confinement and theft over \$5,000. His lawyer has said he will dispute the charges.

Police were searching two properties Tuesday in the Waterloo, Ont., area that are



Police probe the death of Tim Bosma, inset with his wife, Sharlene, at a rural property in North Dumfries Township. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE, INSET: FACEBOOK

owned by Millard, including an airport hangar and a farm. Officers combed the grounds of the farm on foot and on horseback.

Bosma, described as a church-going family man not previously known to police,

vanished on May 6 after leaving his home in his pickup truck with two men. The second man police were seeking was described as white and in his early-to-mid-20s.

Police said they were also looking for at least one more

person, as video evidence shows another vehicle following Bosma's pickup truck when he left on the test drive, Kavanagh said. Police weren't able to make out the model from the footage, only that it is an "SUV-type vehicle."

A Toronto man earlier took the same two suspects for a test drive of his own truck, also put up for sale online, police have said.

Police found Bosma's truck on Sunday parked in the driveway of Millard's

Tuesday's unknowns

No official motive had been offered for Bosma's death.

- Police said there was "no connection whatsoever" between Bosma and the suspects before May 6.
- Police didn't yet know where Bosma was killed or when his body was burned, only that his remains were found in the Waterloo, Ont., region.
- The coroner's office had just been brought into the investigation and had not established the cause of death.

mother's home in Kleinburg, Ont., north of Toronto. She has "absolutely no" involvement with the case, police said.

Search warrants were being executed on three vehicles, Kavanagh said. Auto squad investigators were also set to examine vehicles in the airport hangar, he said.

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Psychiatrist says she had no idea drugs were forced on teen



Dr. Michelle Roy, a psychiatrist, works with some of the most dangerous prisoners in the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A psychiatrist teared up on Tuesday as she testified about watching video of prison staff injecting a troubled inmate over her objections.

Dr. Michelle Roy told the Ashley Smith inquest that she was dismayed to discover only recently a "huge" discrepancy between what a nurse described by phone and reality.

The inquest has seen Smith was not, in fact, out of control at the prison in Joliette, Que., when Roy pre-

scribed a tranquillizer for Smith over the phone.

Prescribing by phone was a normal practice that relied on accurate information, Roy said.

In July 2007, a nurse at Joliette Institution for Women called Roy, saying that the teen, who had a propensity to self-harm, was apparently in a severely agitated state.

"She had objects in her vagina. She was bleeding. There was a possibility of electrocution," Roy testified.

Misled?

"The situation that was described to me was a very severe agitation, that her life was in danger."

Dr. Michelle Roy, who prescribed tranquillizers for teen inmate Ashley Smith

Roy advised the nurse to put Smith in restraints, prescribed a powerful tranquillizer and recommended an exam at the general hospital.

"My expectation when I gave those orders was ... that this patient must be put on restraints immediately, and then offer her medication," Roy said.

Various nurses would call to say Smith was still extremely agitated — something not reflected in the prison video.

Over a 10-hour period, the psychiatrist ended up prescribing five sets of injections, believing Smith was accepting them voluntarily.

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Who has the gall?

Organ harvest one explanation for dead bear in trash

A Winnipeg car-wash employee got a hairy surprise on Sunday morning when he discovered a dead bear in his business' dumpster.

Najem Al Mehrib said he was taking out the trash when he opened the bin and spotted hair between several of the bags.

"They had covered it up with garbage bags; they didn't want anyone to see."

Al Mehrib said he and the owner got in touch with Manitoba Conservation, who removed the bear Monday evening. Al Mehrib said he was told by the conservation officer that the bear appeared to be young, shot during the spring hunting season and that the pelt, head and feet were intact — leading to speculation the bear may have been hunted for its gallbladder.

According to the Manitoba Conservation website, processing bear gallbladders is illegal in Manitoba.

METRO IN WINNIPEG

Waives appeal rights

Abortion doctor cuts deal to avoid a death sentence

A U.S. abortion doctor convicted of killing three babies born alive at his rogue clinic dodged a possible death sentence Tuesday in a hasty post-verdict deal.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, waived his right to appeal in exchange for a sentence of life without parole.

Former clinic employees testified that Gosnell

performed illegal abortions past Pennsylvania's 24-week limit and that he delivered and killed babies who were still moving or breathing.

Prosecutors had been seeking the death penalty because Gosnell killed multiple vulnerable victims. But Gosnell's advanced age made it unlikely he would be executed before his appeals ran out.

Gosnell's lawyer, Jack McMahon, said his client gave up a somewhat better deal early on but wanted to air the issues in court and is satisfied that he did so.

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British Columbia

Coroner releases names of father, 49, and daughter, 10, killed when large boulder fell on tent

The BC Coroner Service has released the names of a North Vancouver man and his daughter who were killed when a boulder crashed onto their tent near Whistler.

Forty-nine-year-old Trevor Norman and his 10-year-old daughter Zarah were on

a skiing and camping trip near Blackcomb Mountain last weekend when they set up their tent at the base of a 20-metre rock.

When they hadn't checked in with family members as planned on Sunday, they were reported missing.

Searchers later found their camp site and determined a large boulder had fallen from a rock face and landed on their tent while they were inside.

The BC Coroners Service and RCMP continue to investigate the deaths.

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Senate. Brazeau says he'll fight order to pay back \$35,000 claim

Patrick Brazeau says he broke no rules when he claimed almost \$35,000 in a Senate housing allowance and he's exploring all options to overturn an order to pay the money back.

Brazeau, a one-time Conservative senator who now sits as an independent, was one of three senators ordered by the Senate's internal economy committee last week to repay inappropriately claimed housing allowances.

Brazeau notes that the committee ordered reimbursement despite the conclusion of independent auditor Deloitte that the Senate rules regarding primary and secondary residences are unclear.

Because of that lack of clarity, Deloitte couldn't conclude whether Brazeau, Conservative Sen. Mike Duffy or Liberal Mac Harb had violated the rules in claiming that their primary residences were outside the national



Sen. Patrick Brazeau
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

capital region.

Brazeau says he'll seek greater clarification of the committee's decision and try to have the ruling reversed.

Harb has already indicated he'll fight his repayment order in court. In March, Duffy voluntarily repaid just over \$90,000 in housing allowances and related living expenses claims. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hadfield comes back to Earth as a star on the rise

A Canadian Odyssey. What's next for our national singing spaceman? Marc Garneau says the sky's the limit

What's next for Chris Hadfield, the Canadian supernova who made space sexy again?

Hadfield landed safely back on Earth Monday after five months at the International Space Station, tweeting, playing his guitar and explaining the mysteries of space by video.

Marc Garneau who, in 2000, was Canada's first astronaut to visit the space station, has some ideas. He says he wouldn't be surprised to see Hadfield follow his path into politics. Some have even suggested to him that Hadfield could become prime minister tomorrow if he wanted.

"He's certainly a very popu-



Chris Hadfield lands back on Earth after a five-month mission to the International Space Station. SERGEI REMEZOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

lar figure," Garneau told Torstar News Service. "I've had numerous people say this to me. He has superstar status. I think he has the world by the tail."

It is more likely that Hadfield will first be courted by a number of organizations with requests for personal appearances, speaking engagements and even book offers.

Rocket Man

"He has superstar status. I think he has the world by the tail."

Marc Garneau on the popularity and future potential of Chris Hadfield

The Calgary Stampede announced last week that Hadfield will be the 2013 Stampede Parade Marshal.

Garneau expects that Parliament will fete Hadfield at some point this year.

And he doesn't expect Hadfield's star to dim any time soon.

Hadfield appears to be in a happy place with both feet on the ground, tweeting upon landing that he is glad to be back.

"Safely home — back on Earth, happily readapting to the heavy pull of gravity. Wonderful to smell and feel spring."

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We hope you enjoyed the ride

The claw of a crane tears through the structure of the Jet Star roller coaster Tuesday in Seaside Heights, N.J. Workers began to demolish the roller coaster, which fell in the ocean when part of the Casino Pier was washed away by Superstorm Sandy in October. **JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Second review of Slave Lake wildfires released

The Alberta government has released another review of the wildfires that devastated the town of Slave Lake two years ago.

Consulting firm KPMG has made 19 recommendations to improve the province's disaster response.

The government says it accepts all the suggestions

and has implemented many of them already, including improvements to its emergency-alert system.

A report last spring by a retired RCMP supervisor said residents weren't warned about safety risks or evacuation plans in the days before the fires destroyed roughly one-third of the community.

Some people complained that they weren't given enough warning and, when they realized they had to evacuate, were forced to turn around because some roads were closed.

More than 500 homes and buildings were destroyed at an estimated cost of \$1 billion.

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Factory collapse

Loblaw to join
Bangladesh
factory safety pact

Loblaw Companies Ltd. said Tuesday it will sign a pact to improve fire and building safety in Bangladesh following the collapse of a factory in that country that killed more than 1,100 workers.

The company had items

for its Joe Fresh clothing label made in the building.

"This decision reflects the company's pledge to stay in Bangladesh and underscores its firm belief that active collaboration by retail and manufacturing industries, government and non-governmental organization, is critical to driving effective and lasting change in Bangladesh," the company said in a statement.

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BlackBerry gambles on BBM growth

Orlando, Fla. Company makes its messaging service available on iOS, Android devices



BlackBerry CEO Thorsten Heins speaks at Tuesday's BlackBerry Live conference in Orlando, Fla. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BlackBerry came out swinging on Tuesday with a slate of announcements that included an expansion of its popular BlackBerry Messenger service to its competitors' devices and a new smartphone aimed at emerging markets.

Chief executive Thorsten Heins said the time was right for BBM, a key feature of BlackBerry smartphones, to be available on iPhones, iPads and Google Android devices as he kicked off the company's three-day BlackBerry Live conference.

"BBM actually was a key element of (why) people were going to BlackBerry," he said after the unveiling of the smartphone maker's latest plans.

"We feel this platform and its product are standing on its own legs. That is the time to release BBM to another level and really let BBM flourish on its own."

The move is a gamble for the company, which has many loyal users who have stuck with

their BlackBerry devices just to keep access to BBM. But the messaging service has run into competition from other similar options such as WhatsApp and Waterloo, Ont.-based Kik Messenger, both of which are available on BlackBerry and other phones.

The BlackBerry Q5, which was announced Tuesday, will sport a physical keyboard and a 3.1-inch screen. It will be available in several colours including red, black, white and pink in selected markets in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Latin America starting in July. The phone isn't expected to be released in North America for now. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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U.S. airlines bag \$6B in passenger fees

For an airline passenger, this lineup of checked suitcases at a terminal in Atlanta's airport may conjure up nightmares of baggage collection gone wrong. For an airline executive, it may inspire dreams of dancing greenbacks. U.S. airlines raked in more than \$6 billion US in baggage and reservation change fees from passengers last year, the highest amount since the fees became common five years ago. Passengers shouldn't expect a break any time soon. Those fees — along with extra charges for boarding early or picking prime seats — have helped return the industry to profitability. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

TOO MUCH DINERO FOR GELATO

Beware the tourist trap. It can snag your wallet and never let it go.

In the tourist trap, it's always high season. Take the story of the four British tourists who stopped for an ice cream near Rome's Spanish Steps recently and paid the equivalent of \$84 Canadian.

This should be the craziest thing you've ever heard, except it isn't.

Once paid 25 euros for a cup of coffee on the Champs-Élysées, le grand boulevard de Paris, and certainly le plus cher boulevard de Paris. That's about 33 bucks. It was a café au lait, after all. The waiter was outraged that I refused to leave a tip.

"Work it out," I said, "with the extortionist who owns this place," and stalked off.

I'm sure each of us has a horror story to share. As there are



JUST SAYIN'
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tourist traps right here in our own backyard, you don't have to go very far to get fleeced.

Every tourist trap has one thing in common. It's a must-see. You know what you're getting into, but who can resist Venice or Harrods or the pyramids along the Nile or any of the other legendary places that are part of the iconography of our lives?

"I went to Paris and didn't bother with the Champs-Élysées." I don't think so. Just try not to spend any money, which is almost impossible. Breathing the air costs beaucoup de euros.

Meanwhile, back at the world's most expensive ice cream parlour, the proprietors are defending the price, which comes to about \$21 a dish. "That's about half a kilo of gelato," a manager who refused to be identified told an inquiring U.K. reporter. Well, all

right then, what's the fuss?

Thankfully, the mayor of Rome was embarrassed and offered a personal tour of his city to the tourists, should they ever recover from the shock to their fiscal systems. You can just imagine: "Here's where I buy MY gelato..."

I guess you could argue that this, in the ancient language of Rome, is a case of caveat emptor. Nobody made those people buy the ice cream, and, in fact, the prices were posted — in mouse type. But tourism is hard work, and requires refreshment. And there's something nasty about squeezing the euros out of people who travelled halfway across the world just to visit.

While the mayor of Rome has the good sense to be embarrassed on his city's behalf, so far, I have yet to hear back from the mayor of Paris on the price of a cup of coffee.

Nor, I should add, has he apologized for the cost of the crepe smeared with a dollop of Nutella purchased atop the Eiffel Tower. You think he'd learn.

ZOOM

Seeing UFOs

I don't think you're ready for this jelly

At first glance, it looks like a mysterious UFO approaching our planet — but this is closer to an unidentified floating object. This beautiful underwater image taken by photographer Yuzuru Masuda shows a moon jellyfish (aurelia aurita) drifting along in the Red Sea near Egypt, with the cloudy sky seemingly above it. **METRO**

It's floating

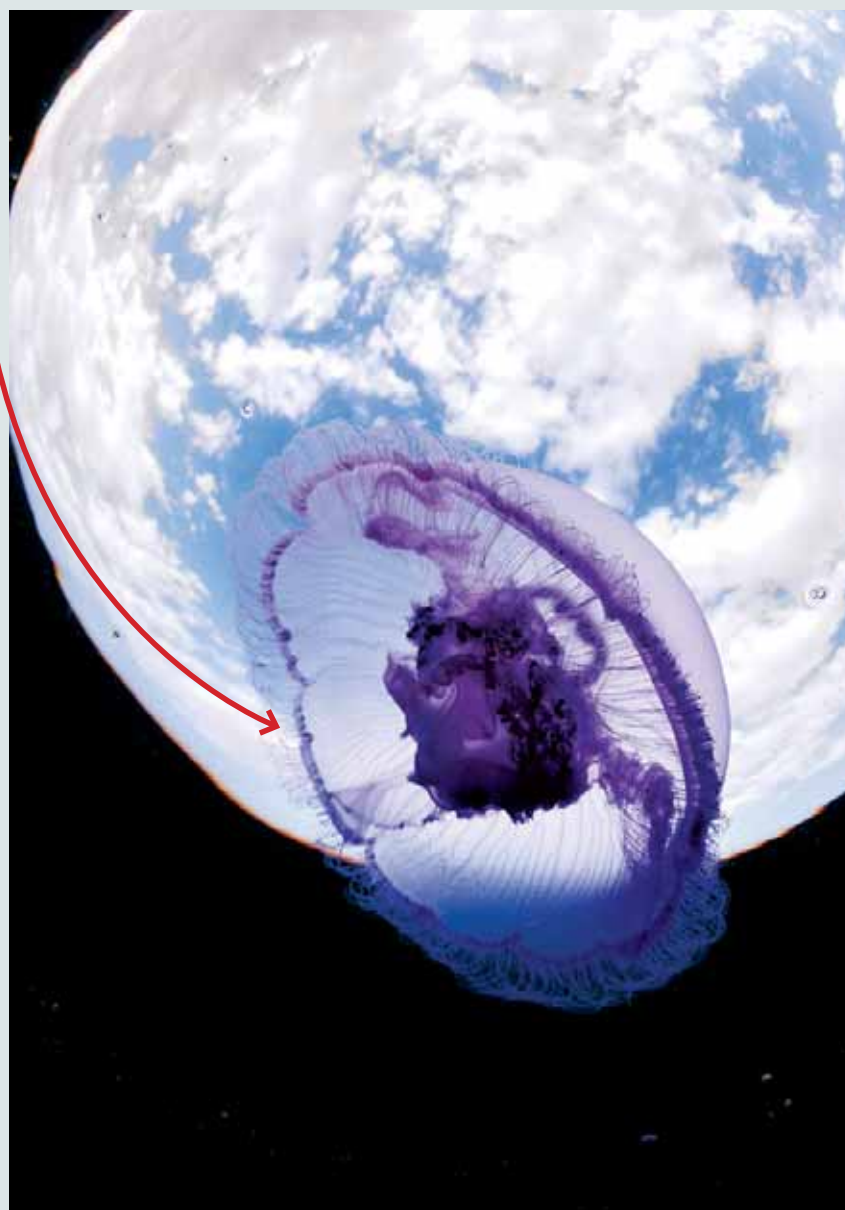
"To the naked eye underwater, the jellyfish appear a little more pink."

Yuzuru Masuda

Setting up to shoot

To create this rare photograph, Masuda first placed the dome port of his camera's underwater housing beneath the jellyfish. "Using the reflection on the dome port, I managed to snap this shot without causing big ripples on the calm surface," he says on his website.

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If you have a minute to spare, type "Atari Breakout" into Google's image search to see how gamer hearts were won this week.

But what to do when you're weary of the dated classic? Try taking these free games for a spin, one for the office and one for home.



Candy Box

Prediction: Your eyes will glaze as you watch a counter reward you with candy you can either eat or toss. Stupid, right? Not so fast. Soon you'll be tending lollipop farms and equipping your hero, who looks like this \ o /, with swords and potions for epic ASCII RPG adventures. It all adds up to an indefensible addiction. (candies.aniwey.net)

Neverwinter

A recently launched free-to-play fantasy MMO that boasts an incredibly rich quest creation system that makes it an instantly more appealing time sink than the countless games like it. As an added bonus, the community is new enough to have not been overrun by jerks, so hop in early. (nw.perfectworld.com)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A new report says Canada is giving up on trying to attract U.S. tourists. What tourists are your favourite?

@BrockbyBrock: We love Canadian Tourists here in Guernsey! They come to see General Brock's island home. <http://www.isaacbrock.com>

@nikolinapapa: I love European tourists! We don't have many though!

@karen_dorward: I have been asked where the floating mall is. According to tourist, the Rideau Mall floats up and down the canal.

@MolinaFacts: Mexicans because #Smallville was huge down there and they are so amazed when they see Van Tech High School or Cloverdale

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SCENE 2

Everyone can be a star now

Interview. Robert Kyncl, YouTube's global head of content, reveals the tools needed to propel you to celebrity status

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Even though he holds the keys to the future of entertainment, Robert Kyncl is a remarkably easygoing man. As global head of content at YouTube, Kyncl has successfully steered the company from being a depository for cat videos to a position as a media powerhouse.

What will entertainment's future look like? Metro met Kyncl, a former Czech top athlete with a ready laugh, for an exclusive interview at YouTube's Los Angeles office.

Is TV as a device dead?

No, but there are many other devices, what I call "work machines" — computers, phones, tablets, which are Wi-Fi-enabled and transmit video. Because of this, suddenly we've uncovered a lot of other consumption patterns and demand from consumers for content that doesn't fit the same format as the TV set.

Those changing habits, with viewers spending more time on homemade content, are also blurring the lines between consumer and producer. What does that mean for entertainment's future?

It just means that there are many more creators than in the past. In the past, the entire television industry was based on a closed system: a telecommunications company delivering the content



Robert Kyncl, the head of content at YouTube, told Metro how the site had changed the ways of the modern world. HANDOUT

to you into a device that was sitting in your living room. Today it's an open system, where anyone can deliver content to a device, and of course you can still view it on your TV set as well.

How will all of this change our daily lives?

Look at mobile media consumption. For us at YouTube, in the past two years it has

gone from six per cent of all of our consumption to 30 per cent. In some countries, like South Korea and Saudi Arabia, it's more than 50 per cent. Mobile devices are becoming the first screen instead of the second screen.

Is that good or bad?

I think it's a good thing. People used to sit around the TV and more or less be quiet.

Today people are sharing — that means commenting and having conversations. People start these conversations in text form, but they'll very quickly move over to a live form. Of course, everything has to be in moderation. If everything you do all day is watch YouTube on your smartphone it's not very good.

How much YouTube do you watch everyday?

About half an hour. A couple of years ago it was less than five minutes a day.

What's the key ingredient to success in new media?

On the Internet, you can go directly to the consumer, but you have to do the other parts yourself: analyzing trends and your consumers and quantifying them.

This means that you have to be good in math. Your ability to, for example, expand your YouTube channel will rely on your ability to spot and measure trends with data. Creativity and analytical skills are a phenomenal mix.

So teenagers should brush up on their math?

That's what I tell my daughters every day. And science. And learn how to code!

What will be YouTube's hit shows of the future?

It's difficult to predict. There are shows on YouTube today that are getting audiences larger than shows on TV. But the mainstream audience doesn't know about it, which is why most people don't know about it. We just haven't told the world about it. But we're working on it.

This is Metro's final installment in the series looking at the future of television.

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Angelina Jolie THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jolie reveals details on surgery to combat risk of breast cancer

Angelina Jolie has taken to the New York Times to reveal that she recently underwent a preventative double mastectomy to combat her genetic risk for breast cancer.

"I choose not to keep my story private because there are many women who do not know that they might be living under the shadow of cancer," she writes. "I can tell my children that they don't need to fear they will lose me to breast

cancer. It is reassuring that they see nothing that makes them uncomfortable. They can see my small scars and that's it. Everything else is just Mommy, the same as she always was. And they know that I love them and will do anything to be with them as long as I can. On a personal note, I do not feel any less of a woman. I feel empowered that I made a strong choice that in no way diminishes my femininity."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Vin Diesel: Facebook owes me



THE WORD
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Vin Diesel has a bone to pick with Facebook.

The Fast & Furious 6 star is taking credit for making celebrity pages popular on the social network, as he was one of the first movie stars to interact with his followers.

"Facebook used to ask me to come up to their office to explain what the f— I was doing and why I had so many fans. What was unique was I never let anyone do a post. I never let anyone post for me in the last four years," he tells



Entertainment Weekly. "Facebook really owes me billions of dollars, but whatever."

The secret? Diesel really interacts with his Facebook fans. And Diesel's fans (41,621,431 likes as of press time) return the favour. They are known for creating truly amazing Vin Diesel Facebook art, many with "supposed" inspirational quotes by the actor super-imposed over photos of him. He calls these super-fanatical Diesel fans "Vinangels, Vingypsies, and the various nomadic tribes of the Underverse."

In other news, Vin Diesel is a total weirdo. I love it.

Thieves hit concert venue after Bieber show

Justin Bieber's tour is on hiatus until he hits San Diego next month, but the scandal-plagued international leg wouldn't be complete without one more hitch: After Bieber's last show in Johannesburg, the venue, FNB Stadium, was reportedly robbed, with thieves making off with more than \$300,000 from Bieber's show

and a Bon Jovi concert the previous night, according to Sky News. "The suspect had gained entry through the roof," a local police spokeswoman says. "They broke the tile ... of the bathroom between [Sunday] night after the concert and this morning." The stolen money had been secured in a safe prior to the theft.

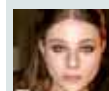
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@DitaVonTeese
Headed to the Cannes Film Festival this weekend.



@JasonAlexander
Wise saying: A mind is a terrible thing to waste. But apparently, a gallbladder is expendable.



@RealMichelleT
I ain't afraid of no ghosts.



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Calgary

Get ready for a wild ride

Western Canada's largest outdoor amusement park opens its gates this weekend. With more than 30 rides on more than 90 acres of land, there's sure to be an attraction for everyone. You'll want to be the first to check out their new attraction: Cinemagic 3D. For more information visit calawaypark.com

Saskatoon

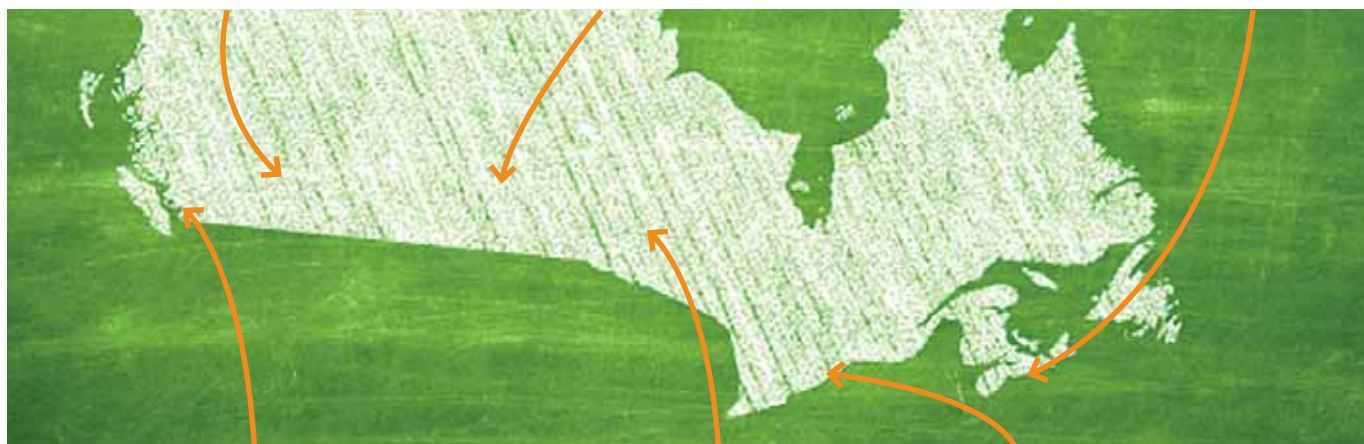
Take in some more hockey

Are you still craving more hockey even though the NHL playoffs are in full swing? Why not check out a game at the 2013 Mastercard Memorial Cup. The CHL round robin tournament begins May 17 and features the champion of the OHL, the WHL, the QMJHL and the host team. For tickets visit mastercardmemorialcup.ca

Halifax

Haligonians head to market

Get a taste of the country at Hubbards Farmers' Market. Spend Saturday morning inspecting the wares of 40 local vendors who sell fresh seasonal produce, wine, coffee and fresh flowers. Local artisans and live music is also on hand. hubbardsbarn.org



Vancouver

Grind it out on the west coast

If you've never attempted the Grouse Grind, this is your weekend. Lace up your hiking boots, grab a friend and tackle the 2.9 kilometre trail up the face of Grouse Mountain. Once at the top, enjoy the view, have some lunch and compare your time — it takes a novice hiker about two hours to complete the hike. grousemountain.com

Winnipeg

Hands up, baby, hands up...

Prairie Dog Central Railway hosts a steam locomotive ride complete with a staged robbery. Keep an eye out for the train robbers on horseback and be prepared to take part in an old-fashioned "hands-up" robbery during the ride to Grosse Isle. Train departs at 11 a.m. on Sunday. For tickets and more information, visit pdcrailway.com

Toronto

Meet the pandas

After their long journey from China and their meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the Giant Pandas Er Shun and Da Mao are ready to greet visitors at the Toronto Zoo. The exhibit opens May 18. But don't worry if you can't make opening day — they'll be in Toronto for the next 10 years. torontozoo.com

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You can substitute the raisins for dried cranberries and apples for pears if desired

1. Topping: In bowl, combine brown sugar, pecans, flour, margarine and cinnamon.

2. Filling: In a bowl mix apples, raisins, sugar and cinnamon.

3. Cake: In food processor, beat together brown sugar, granulated sugar and oil. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Mix in orange zest and vanilla extract.

4. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, baking powder and baking soda. In another bowl, stir together orange juice and sour cream. Add flour mixture and sour cream mixture

Ingredients

Topping

- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tbsp chopped pecans
- 1 1/2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp margarine or butter
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

Filling

- 2 cups chopped peeled apples
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

Cake

- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp grated orange zest
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup light sour cream

alternately to beaten sugar mixture, mixing just until

Sour Cream Orange Apple Cake



This recipe serves 14. Each serving contains 284 calories and 9 grams of fat. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN LIGHT VEGETARIAN COOKING (ROBERT ROSE)

blended. Spoon half of batter into prepared pan. Top with half of apple mixture. Spoon remaining batter into pan. Top with remaining apple mixture;

sprinkle with topping.

5. Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake 45 to 50 minutes, in a 10-inch springform pan sprayed with

vegetable spray, or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

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Apple & Vanilla Collins

- 1.5 oz Lukusowa
- .75 oz lemon juice
- .50 oz vanilla syrup*
- .75 oz apple purée
- Top up: soda water
- Garnish: Lemon peel and apple wedge

Shake first four ingredients and pour into a highball glass filled with ice cubes. Top up with soda water and garnish.

Vanilla Syrup*

- 1 cup each sugar and water
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

In saucepan, bring sugar and water to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until syrupy, about 5 minutes. Add vanilla extract. Pour into jar.

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Use your body language and voice to demonstrate a cool demeanor. Be calm, and don't let it turn into a shouting match. ISTOCK

On calming the cubicle storm

Get conflict resolution right. Ways to talk through the tornado that's been circling your office space

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When someone showcases inappropriate behaviour, especially in a workplace setting, it can create a negative work atmosphere in which other co-workers feel uninterested to do their work and even customers don't want to deal with that particular business. Whether the need for the confrontation arises in a work or personal setting, here are handy tips on how you should go about confronting that certain someone:

Use your personal power

This is simply the influence that you have on your peers. While we all have positional power, personal power is something we develop through rapport. If you are to confront someone, it can

make the process a lot easier if you have a good working relationship and mutual understanding with that person.

What to confront

If you are confronted by someone, you will probably take it personally. So when you are confronting, don't point your finger at the individual, but rather talk about how the way they are behaving needs to change. Remember the saying: "It's not what you're saying, but how you're saying it."

Be objective

Don't let your emotions get in the way — stay both morally and emotionally objective.

Stay focused on the issue at hand

Always remain focused on the initial issue, and confront the person's behaviour.

Consistency

Try to be consistent in your approach and in what you do and say.

Laugh it up

It can be a very good idea to employ humour. This shows you are human and that you can make light of the situation. It's also a good way of cutting through the emotional tension.

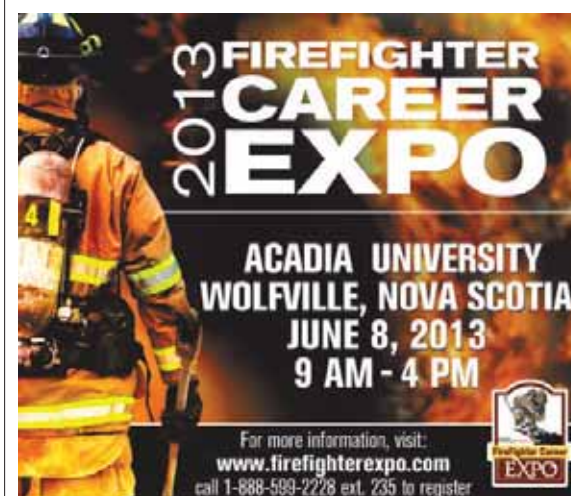
Be pre-emptive

Always attempt to resolve problems before they actually occur or deal with it early on to prevent any escalations.

Contain the quarrelling

It is very important that you do the confrontation in private

- Don't confront or give any feedback in front of others. This will only further humiliate the person and they will be more likely to retaliate.





Mooseheads forward Stefan Fournier, second from right, plants a smooch on Jonathan Drouin after a first-period goal in Game 5 of the QMJHL final. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Plenty of kissing and telling on Moose

Memorial Cup. Halifax showing a little affection can go a long way



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Konrad Abeltschauser figures last year it was Randy Gazzola who topped the list.

But now that his former teammate has moved on, the Halifax Mooseheads' veteran defenceman says their co-captain Stefan Fournier is now hands down the squad's best kisser.

They say practice makes perfect, and Fournier, according to Abeltschauser, tops the Herd's pecking order.

"Fournier gets pretty into it I'd say," said the German defenceman with a laugh.

But Abeltschauser wasn't going to deny ever getting into the action, either.

"Then again there aren't many guys on our team who haven't gotten a kiss from one

Lip service

"By the way, for all the ladies out there, Jo's a great kisser."

Stefan Fournier of his Halifax Mooseheads teammate, Jonathan Drouin.

of us yet, and that's OK," he said.

And what better time to share a congratulatory peck than after scoring in the QMJHL title-clinching game, just like Fournier did on Friday?

After notching a beauty, the game's second goal, the troops swooped in as usual for a post goal embrace. Except this time the six-foot-two, 210-pound Fournier planted one right on sniper Jonathan Drouin's lips.

It's all been immortalized in a Metro Halifax photograph.

"It was in the moment and I'm going to kiss my brother," said an animated Fournier after Tuesday's practice at the Halifax Forum.

Truth be told the smooch came as a little bit of a surprise for Drouin. But, hey, it was OK in the moment. After

all, who's Drouin to rain on anyone's parade?

"(Fournier) likes to kiss all the time and at the time it was all right we were in mid-celebration, but right now, maybe not," said Drouin with a chuckle on Friday night, just after he was through hoisting the President Cup.

And it's not like Fournier and Drouin are the first pair of hockey players to lock lips in the heat of the moment. Who can forget former New York Islanders' Ziggy Palffy and Travis Green's second-period dramatics just a few years back?

Besides, Fournier couldn't care less that his actions have brought about Twitter chirps galore, and enough teasing since the smooch to last a lifetime.

"They're all asking 'what was that?,' 'What were you do-

Cup chasers

The Halifax Mooseheads are leaving for Saskatoon on Wednesday.

- The team is chartering a flight that will depart from Halifax Stanfield International Airport late in the morning.
- Halifax begins play at the Memorial Cup on Saturday night when they face the Western Hockey League champion Portland Winterhawks.

ing?"

It was, as Fournier explains, just a kiss.

With the Memorial Cup right around the corner, he and some other Mooseheads aren't ruling out any more on-ice affection.

"It's a great possibility," said Fournier. "It could very well happen, you can just ask Jo and I'm sure he'll say the very same thing."

Memorial Cup

Winterhawks turn bans, fines into fuel

Hit with unprecedented penalties by the Western Hockey League back in November, the Portland Winterhawks not only prevailed, they won the junior hockey league's championship.

"We could have used it as an excuse to wipe away the season," Dallas Stars prospect Taylor Peters said of the sanctions, which included the suspension of the team's head coach for the balance of the season. "But we used it as fuel."

The Winterhawks claimed the Ed Chynoweth Cup with a 5-1 Game 6 victory over the Edmonton Oil Kings on Sunday. Ty Rattie had a hat trick in the deciding win.

On Tuesday, thousands of fans came out as the city celebrated the title with a rally. Many supporters sported T-shirts reading "Portland Strikes Back."

The championship — and the cheers — were sweet revenge for the Winterhawks, who in November got hit with stiff penalties by the league for player-benefit violations. The WHL took away several draft picks and fined the team \$200,000, in addition to suspending Winterhawks coach and general manager Mike Johnston for the rest of this season.

What the Winterhawks took issue with was the severity of the penalties, including Johnston's banishment.

Johnston wasn't allowed contact with the team during the season, but he was granted permission from the league to meet the Winterhawks on Sunday night when they landed in Portland after winning the championship.

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Winterhawks centre Brendan Leipsic is congratulated after scoring a tying goal against the Edmonton Oil Kings during Game 5 of the WHL finals on Friday in Portland, Ore. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Penguins' Chris Kunitz celebrates after scoring on Senators goalie Craig Anderson in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Tuesday in Pittsburgh. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

Pens sketch a win over Sens to open Eastern semifinal

NHL playoffs. Pittsburgh manages just fine on power play against Ottawa

Paul Martin and Chris Kunitz scored power-play goals and Pascal Dupuis added his sixth goal of the playoffs as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Ottawa Senators 4-1 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Tuesday.

Evgeni Malkin extended his points streak to seven games with a goal and an assist for Pittsburgh.

Game 2 is Friday night. Tomas Vokoun stopped 35 shots to win his third straight start and top-seeded Pittsburgh never trailed.

Colin Greening scored for

the Senators. Craig Anderson made 26 saves but Ottawa had no answer for Pittsburgh's power play.

The Penguins are 9-of-24 with the man advantage through seven playoff games, best of the eight teams remaining in the post-season.

The Senators had the NHL's best penalty kill during the regular season and turned aside 16 of 19 penalties against Montreal in the first round.

The 36-year-old Vokoun made his 713th NHL start on Tuesday, but his first with the stakes this big. Despite admitting to some butterflies when told he would get the starting assignment for Game 1, Vokoun overcame some shaky moments early to settle down.

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Bill Masterton nominees

Penguins star Sidney Crosby, Wild goaltender Josh Harding and Bruins defenceman Adam McQuaid are this season's nominees for the NHL's Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy.

- The award is presented to "the player who best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey."
- Crosby returned to form this year after missing extended time with concussion issues the past two seasons. The Penguins captain finished fourth in the NHL with 56 points.

NBA playoffs

Pacers push Knicks to brink of elimination

George Hill scored 26 points and Paul George added 18 points and 14 rebounds Tuesday night, leading the Indiana Pacers to a 93-82 victory over the New York Knicks and a 3-1 lead in the second-round series.

Indiana needs one more win to reach the conference finals for the first time since 2004. Game 5 will be Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

NBA scoring champ Carmelo Anthony fouled out with 24 points. J.R. Smith had 19 on another dreadful night for the Knicks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Centre Roy Hibbert celebrates during Tuesday's win in Indianapolis. GETTY IMAGES

NCAA. Canadian whiz kid Wiggins lands in Kansas

Canadian basketball prospect Andrew Wiggins told a small gathering of family and friends at his high school gym Tuesday that he will play at Kansas.

Then the Huntington Prep star signed his letter-of-intent and officially became a Jayhawk. No big speech. No bands, live TV coverage or props.

Just the way the Wiggins family wanted it.

And just like that, Lawrence, Kan., became more of focal point for the upcoming college basketball season.

"I'm looking forward to getting there and just doing my thing," Wiggins said.

The six-foot-eight Toronto native chose Kansas over Kentucky, North Carolina and Florida State. Wiggins said there wasn't one particular selling point.

"I just followed my heart," he said.

His addition adds to one of the top recruiting classes in the country.

Despite the loss of Ben McLemore to the NBA draft, four of Kansas' five recruits are considered to be in the top 50 nationally, including guards Conner Frankamp and Wayne Selden, forward Brannen Greene and centre Joel Embiid. Kentucky already had eight



Andrew Wiggins on Tuesday in Huntington, W.Va. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

signees in what is considered to be its greatest recruiting class ever.

Tuesday's brief ceremony ended the frenzied pursuit of Wiggins, who averaged 23.4 points and 11.2 rebounds per game this season.

Rather than turn his announcement into a spectacle, Wiggins wanted a private signing ceremony where he attends classes at St. Joseph's Central Catholic High School in Huntington, W.Va.

"I didn't really want to open it up to the public," he said. "I wanted people who appreciated me and people I appreciate to be here watching me."

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NHL PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PIITTSBURGH (1) VS. OTTAWA (7)

(Pittsburgh leads 1-0)

Tuesday's result

Pittsburgh 4 Ottawa 1

Friday's game

Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. N.Y. RANGERS (6)

Thursday's game

NY Rangers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's game

NY Rangers at Boston, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

Boston at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. DETROIT (7)

Wednesday's game

Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday's game

Detroit at Chicago, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 20

Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES (5) VS. SAN JOSE (6)

Tuesday's result

San Jose at Los Angeles

Thursday's game

San Jose at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

Saturday's game

Los Angeles at San Jose, 6 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Krejci, Bos	5	8	13
Malkin, Phg	2	9	11
Crosby, Phg	3	6	9
Brassard, NYR	2	7	9
Lucic, Bos	2	7	9
Iginla, Phg	2	7	9
Pavelski, SJ	4	4	8
Couture, SJ	3	5	8
Zetterberg, Det	3	5	8
Chara, Bos	1	7	8
Dupuis, Phg	5	2	7

Tuesday's games not included

NBA PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Miami leads 3-1)

Monday's result

Miami 88 Chicago 65

Wednesday's game

Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS INDIANA (3)

(Indiana leads 3-1)

Tuesday's result

Indiana 93 New York 82

Thursday's game

Indiana at New York, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(Memphis leads 3-1)

Monday's result

Memphis 103 Oklahoma City 97 (OT)

Wednesday's game

Memphis at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(San Antonio leads 3-2)

Tuesday's result

San Antonio 109 Golden State 91

Thursday's game

San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Wednesday's game

All times Eastern

Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Columbus at Toronto, 5 p.m.

Portland at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

New England at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Dallas at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games

Los Angeles at New York, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at D.C., 5 p.m.

Salt Lake at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	14	.641	—
Baltimore	23	16	.590	2
Boston	22	17	.564	3
Tampa Bay	20	18	.526	4½
Toronto	16	24	.400	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	22	15	.595	—
Cleveland	21	17	.553	1½
Kansas City	19	16	.543	2
Minnesota	18	18	.500	3½
Chicago	16	21	.432	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	24	14	.632	—
Oakland	20	20	.500	5
Seattle	18	21	.462	6½
Los Angeles	14	24	.368	10
Houston	10	30	.250	15

Tuesday's results

Toronto 10 San Francisco 6
Tampa Bay 5 Boston 3
San Diego 3 Baltimore 2
Chicago White Sox 4 Minnesota 2
Detroit 6 Houston 2
N.Y. Yankees 4 Seattle 3
Kansas City at L.A. Angels
Texas at Oakland
Monday's results
Minnesota 10 Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland 5 Texas 1
Cleveland 1 N.Y. Yankees 0
N.Y. Yankees 7 Cleveland 0
Kansas City 11 L.A. Angels 4
Detroit 7 Houston 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's results

Philadelphia 6 Cleveland 2
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2013 Volkswagen Golf GTI

Review. Competitors will struggle to outdo the solid, sporty Golf

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The formula for producing the GTI is a simple one. Start with one standard-issue Volkswagen Golf two or four-door hatchback, drop in a spunky engine and other sporty content and watch them sell sell sell.

Sounds straightforward enough, yet surprisingly few automotive brands have dared challenge Volkswagen's three-decade-long domination of the performance-infused compact-car niche. And the few that do, including Mazdaspeed3, Honda Civic Si, Mini Cooper and most recently the Ford Focus ST, have a tough fight on their hands.

The sixth-generation GTI that came to our shores for the 2010 model year is due for replacement before spring of 2014. That means if you're looking to acquire an honest-to-goodness German-manufactured GTI, this may be your last chance. Of course the GTI shares the Golf's ability to stow about as much luggage as most mid-size sedans. That makes the GTI a useful as well as a sporty vehicle.

Gear changes can be left to the transmission to figure out or they can be controlled manually using finger-controls on the steering wheel (or by toggling the floor shifter).



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2013 Volkswagen Golf GTI

- **Type.** Two or four-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (200hp)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual with twin-clutch automated manual in (DSG)
- **Base price (incl. destination)** \$30,800

Design

Since it is Golf-based, the GTI benefits from that model's uncomplicated design and generously sized hatch opening. From that point, VW replaces the nose with a blacked-out egg-crate grille and installs a larger air intake and running lights below the bumper.

Fuel Economy

Selecting the DSG assures you of rapid-fire shifts, in as little as four-hundredths of a second (faster than an average automatic transmission), and contributes to the GTI's estimated fuel economy of 8.7 l/100 km in the city and 6.3 on the highway, compared to 9.9/6.7 if you stick with the stick.

Engine

Drivers will enthuse over the standard 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine that generates 200 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque. By comparison, base Golfs make do with a 2.5-litre five-cylinder with 170 horsepower and 177 pound-feet of torque.

The DSG also includes a launch-control program that, when the GTI is stopped, allows you to rev up the engine before the clutch is engaged. The result is an extra-quick start compared to manual-trans versions, with minimal wheelspin.

On the open road, the sport-tuned suspension, consisting of stiffer front and rear anti-sway bars, helps the GTI remain relatively flat through the turns while maximizing steering control. In addition, larger-diameter front and rear disc brake rotors deliver some

serious stopping power for the 1,375-kilogram hatchback.

GTI pricing begins at \$30,800 (\$31,800 for the four-door), which includes destination charges, all the go-fast stuff plus most key comfort necessities. A more luxurious package laden with accessories

will push you into the \$40,000 region. However you choose to equip your GTI, you will be piloting a seriously competent sports machine famous for its quick reflexes and with a level of road-holding agility that other compact models of any stripe can only dream of.

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AutoKnow. Believe it or not, automakers are now favouring bio-composites over metal

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You know that vegetables help build strong bodies, but not necessarily like this. Packed with vitamins, minerals and fibre, they provide the stuff that keeps us going.

But who knew how important veggies — or more specifically, vegetable fibre — would one day become to keep people going in another way: through the movement of automobiles.

Car parts made with plant-based “bio-composite” materials are finding favour with automakers for their light weight, strength, durability and competitive costs of production, compared with traditional compounds made with man-made glass fibres and petrochemicals derived from oil.

Bio-composites have been around since the 1920s, when Henry Ford built prototype

car components — including dashboards, door panels and passenger compartment parts — out of hemp-derived plastics.

As the industry overall adopts an attitude of sustainability in manufacturing and in the products it makes, veggie-based bio-composites are taking on newfound importance across the industry.

The parts are not made from raw vegetables; instead, their fibres and chemicals are broken down at microscopic levels and reformed into usable compounds. Scientists say bio-composites are, gram for gram, stronger than steel and are lighter and cheaper to produce than traditional petroleum-based plastics.

They stand to create new, value-added markets for agriculture that often have been discarded as worthless or undesirable — such as wheat straw — and for a range of common vegetable crops.

“A car made from grass may not sound sturdy,” says Lawrence T. Drzal of Michigan State University’s Composite Materials and Structures Center, “but plant-based cars are the wave of the future.”

Bio-fibres like kenaf, hemp, grass, corn straw, flax,

jute, henequen, pineapple leaf and sisal — when combined with renewable-based plastics — offer light weight and strength and thereby help improve fuel performance, said Drzal.

“Natural fibre like hemp has higher strength-to-weight ratio than steel and is also considerably cheaper to produce.”

Ten to 11 million vehicles each year reach the end of their life cycle in the United States, he said. A network of salvage and shredder facilities process about 96 per cent of these old cars, but about 25 per cent of the vehicles by weight remains as waste, none of which break down easily in the environment. “A car made mostly of heated, treated and molded bio-fibre would simply be buried at the end of its lifetime,” Drzal said, and “would be consumed naturally by bacteria.”

Working with academic researchers and one of its suppliers, the Ford Motor Company was the first auto-

maker to develop and use environmentally friendly wheat-straw-reinforced plastic in a vehicle.

Ford is using 20 per cent wheat straw bio-filler in the third-row storage bins of its Flex tall wagon, with plans to extend the material’s use further throughout its lineup.

“This application alone reduces petroleum usage by some 20,000 pounds (9,000 kilograms) per year, reduces carbon dioxide emissions by 30,000 pounds (14,000 kilograms) per year and represents a smart, sustainable usage for wheat straw, the waste byproduct of wheat,” said Ford engineering manager Patrick Berryman, who develops interior trim in Dearborn, Mich.

A “hemp-infused” bio-composite bodied electric car concept, called the Kestrel, was unveiled in Calgary by Motive Industries Inc. The company says that its manufacturing techniques will allow the vehicle to be made profitably at smaller initial

volumes than traditional vehicles.

Motive’s Nathan Armstrong said a major advantage to using advanced composites versus metal are increased impact absorption, rust resistance and reduced weight.

Where a steel-stamped vehicle will absorb impact by crumpling under pressure, “a composite vehicle will absorb the energy, then return to its original shape.” That observation, he said, was recently verified by British automaker Lotus, “who found similar results with its Evora sports car.”

The tiny Kestrel, with its extreme cab-forward design, seats four people, weighs less than 500 kilograms and with a lithium-ion battery driving an electric motor, has a top speed of 135 km/h. But perhaps the most radical example of a bio-composite vehicle yet is a racing car developed at the University of Warwick in England.

The “ecoF3” single-seat racer is made from vege-

Ahead of its time: The ecoF3 is made nearly from all vegetable-based materials and runs on chocolate-derived fuel.

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The new Nissan Leaf's seat covers are made from used plastic bottles.

Bottle shock

In the chase for sustainability, at least one manufacturer is recycling plastic bottles to create fabric seat covers and interior components, diverting tons of material away from landfills.

- **Be-Leaf.** Nissan North America's all-electric Leaf is a springboard for recycled plastics in a program that could eventually divert hundreds of thousands of tonnes of petroleum-derived bottles away from landfills.

tables and runs on chocolate-derived biofuels. Its steering wheel is made from carrots and other root vegetables while the seat is made from soybean oil, recycled polyester and plant-based lubricants; the bodywork is crafted from potatoes and the side pods are made from recycled bottles. Plant-based oils and greases provide all the necessary lubrication.

Team WorldFirst project leader, James Meredith, said the car does contain traditional materials; no glass, but plenty of steel and aluminum in and around the engine, gearbox and suspension, plus plenty of carbon fibre used in areas requiring high strength. Thus far, all the unconventional parts have stood up well to use around various tracks, he said. At this time, said Meredith, bio-composites can't match the strength properties of carbon fibre, “but we are hopeful they will in the future.”

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Mention algae today and one adjective invariably comes to mind: delicious.

But, seriously, down the road a bit, algae might be better known as a transportation bio-fuel, especially if Canada's National Research Council (NRC) has its way.

NRC recently teamed up with a few savvy industry partners to build a demonstration-scale "algal refinery" near Bonnyville, Alta., in the heart of oil-sands country.

People have long known about the bio-fuel potential of algae — it grows super fast, and it is comprised of a lot of natural oil (about 30 per cent by mass).

But this project is notable on two fronts: the way it is integrated into other industries and the size of its cultivation pot — 100,000 litres.

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The project is officially known as the Algal Carbon Conversion Project. The pilot plant will be attached to another plant, part of the operations of Canadian Natural, an independent crude oil and natural gas producer. The plant has an impressive final emission stack. Like all plants, algae love carbon dioxide — it's what they breathe. So they love that emission stack. Previous efforts to commercialize bio-fuel from algae were evaluated on the bio-fuel alone, says Aleks Patrzykat.

"The idea here is to have an algal plant that will capture carbon dioxide from industrial emissions."

Big pots equal big volume

The algae will be grown in one of the biggest pots ever devoted to algae produc-



The demonstration scale algae refinery near Bonnyville, Alberta. HANDOUT

tion. Patrzykat says the 100,000-litre cultivation vessel should be the same large size employed by future algae bio-fuel production plants. They would just have lots of them, instead of just the one. Such a vessel full of algae would net out about 10 per cent bio-fuel,

or 10,000 litres. The rest of the biomass might be messy but still good, says Patrzykat, noting that depending on local circumstances, it could be used for cattle feed or fertilizer. For the record, Patrzykat is not sure how cattle feel about the taste of algae. Since it would be used more

as a protein supplement for cattle feed, my guess is that the algae flavour would be subtle, like a herb. The more important point, says Patrzykat, is that the bio-mass be something that can be used by the local economy, so you don't spend a lot of energy moving it around. It's bulky

stuff. Same for the carbon dioxide going into the system; CO₂ is expensive to store and transport.

Making a Dent

Usually when a new alternative fuel technology and/or fuel source comes along it's great news, but news always tempered with the reality that we use more than three trillion litres of petroleum products each and every day! Canada uses about 81 million litres a day. Excuse me for stating the obvious, but that's a lot of petroleum. How do you replace those kinds of trillions and millions of litres? Maybe you start with bio-fuel made from algae feedstock. "Say in 50 years, we have a plant in each location, where it would be viable," says Patrzykat. "That would be enough plants to take care of 20 per cent of Canadian industrial emissions... It would also give you 6.2 billion litres of fuel. If it were jet fuel, that would be enough to fly WestJet and Air Canada for a year."

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Whether it be regular or personalized, 800 are made an hour by the country's prisons

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With more than 1.6 million new vehicles sold every year, Canadians need a lot of license plates to go on them. It's a full-time job making them, but you wouldn't want to apply for it in Ontario: they're made by prison inmates.

"Ontario license plates are manufactured at the Lindsay Correctional Facility," says Ciaran Ganley, spokesman for the Ministry

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"Ontario plates are manufactured at the Lindsay Correctional facility."

Ciaran Ganley, spokesperson for the Ministry of Government Services
On where vehicle license plates come from in Ontario.

of Government Services. "Most vehicle license plates appear in pairs, but other motor vehicles have a single license plate, including motorcycle, off-road, moped and trailer."

Making a plate is a five-step process, starting with the production of blanks, which are plates that don't yet have their numbers. A laminate sheet is made that includes "Ontario" at the top and a slogan at the bottom, usually "Yours to Discover."

The laminate is glued onto a coil of aluminum, and a press stamps out individual plates and cuts mounting holes into them. Some 800 are made each hour.

The blanks go to an embossing press, where workers set in the dies to stamp the letters and numbers. Regular plates go quickly, since only one or two numbers must be changed in sequence. Personalized plates slow everything down, since the die has to be completely reset. If a pair of plates is needed, the machine stamps two blanks at once.

To colour the letters and numbers, the plate is fed into a machine that uses heat to apply a foil coating to the raised portion. Finally, the plates are put in plastic bags and visually inspected for quality. Any defective plates are destroyed,

Things to note

- Until 1973, Ontario motorists got new license plates annually, stamped with the year. Renewal stickers were introduced for 1974.

- Most series plates (non-personalized) do not use G, I, O, Q or U, which could cause readability issues for law enforcement purposes.

- Ontario plates can be ordered with the French version of the province's "Yours to Discover" slogan, "Tant à découvrir."



The plate printing machine in use. PHOTO COURTESY MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Commercial vehicle, bus and farm plates use black on white; diplomat plates are white on red; dealer plates are red on white; and green plates are for electric vehicles.

"For personalized plates, any combination of letters or numbers may be ordered, provided

the combination is available and meets the established criteria," Ganley says. Off-limits are plates deemed obscene, derogatory, abusive, sexual, religious (except for religious titles), violent, discriminatory, or that describe drugs, alcohol, or criminal activity.

while the rest are boxed for distribution.

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March 21 - April 20

Treat life as one big party and that is exactly what it will be, to you at least. Actually it's you who is the party — wherever you go fun and laughter goes.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You need to develop a more detached view of possessions. What happens over the next few days will make you realize that there are many more important things in this life than dollars and cents.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

With Mercury, your ruler, moving into your sign today, you won't lack for ideas or the energy necessary to carry them out. Don't try to change the world: just do one little thing better than everyone else.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You must not allow yourself to get depressed, no matter how disheartening the news may be. The key to happiness and success is your imagination: Take negative emotions and use them in positive ways.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

There is a lot you can do to change people's attitudes but that does not mean you will succeed. You have a right to have your say, but others have the right to disagree.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As you think so you are, so think only positive thoughts today and watch in amazement how quickly and easily your dreams come true. Make sure important people know what you can do.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't waste time asking friends if they approve of what you intend to do: just do it and let them take it any way they want. The time has come to be decisive. Yes, you can do it!

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will be at your most resolute today. You won't let anyone stop you from following your star. Just make sure your aims are not too outrageous. Listen to expert advice, and maybe act on it.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

There is no way you can avoid facing the harsh truth about a partnership or friendship that is going through choppy waters at the moment. Once that truth has been faced though you can start making positive changes.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may think you can push yourself beyond your usual limits with no ill effects but common sense says otherwise. If you don't listen, you may have to deal with an unexpected wellbeing issue.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Something you have been wishing for no longer looks so unlikely and over the next few days you can take giant steps towards making it a reality. All things are possible.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Some kind of showdown is likely today but that's good because the air needs to be cleared. Once it is done, make clear to loved ones you don't hold a grudge. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. ___ metal
6. Goes to the mall
11. Villain's strategies, perhaps
13. Tommy ___ (Kiefer Sutherland's grandfather who was Premier of Saskatchewan)
15. "O Canada" verse: "___ in all thy sons command."
17. Diamonds, informally
18. Granny, in Germany
19. Grand ___ National Park, Wyoming
20. Classes
21. "Jeez! I have no idea."
23. Take aback
24. Completely
25. Beach shelter
26. Retro albums, e.g.
28. Time division
29. Kinds of cars
31. Ally of "The Breakfast Club" (1985)
33. One official lang.
34. Building extension
35. Make less strong
38. Says something is so
41. The 21st, e.g.
42. Cry
43. G'days
44. Cable channel
46. Ill-considered, as a decision
48. Golden gymnast at Montreal's 1976 Olympics

- Ms. Comaneci
50. Dull
51. ___. (Periodic table figs.)
53. "Aaaii-!!!" (Comic book scream)
54. Word form for 'Nerve'
55. Canadian ___ and Freedoms
58. Pre-popped popcorns

59. Woeful story: 2 wds.
60. "Touched by an Angel" star Della
61. Pretty perennial

Down

1. Dead Sea ___
2. Have a little laugh
3. Is in need of Febreze
4. Rocker's li'l speakers
5. One of some in a Green Giant can
6. "Wellll...?"
7. Sci-Fi character, Jabba the ___
8. Stares
9. Secretly planned
10. Appetizing
11. Narrow groove
12. Pub's servings of Guinness

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- ness
13. Actresses Lane and Ladd
14. Medicinal plant
16. Watergate President's monogram
21. Castle's prison
22. She whom Hamlet courts
25. Moviedom's Tom
27. Ms. Ward of TV, and others
30. Narcotics-fighting agcy. in The States
32. Mr. Roth
35. The ___ Network (Canadian forecast channel)
36. Catch
37. Pro basketball players
38. Bosses
39. "The medium is the message." - Marshall ___
40. In a clever manner
41. Sidewalk sight
45. Late-'60s hit: "___ Were the Days"
47. Sir William Cornelius Van ___ (Canadian Pacific Railway bigwig in the 1800s)
49. ___ volente (God willing)
50. "I ___ differ..."
52. Jeanne d'Arc, et al.
54. Brood of pheasants
56. 'Client' suffix (Patronage)
57. Music genre

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	9	4	2	6	7	1	8	5
1	6	2	3	8	5	9	4	7
8	5	7	9	4	1	2	3	6
4	1	5	7	9	2	3	6	8
9	7	3	6	5	8	4	1	2
6	2	8	4	1	3	5	7	9
2	8	5	3	4	7	9	1	
5	3	9	1	7	6	8	2	4
7	4	1	8	2	9	6	5	3

	9		7			1	3	
2				8		6		4
5				1				
	6	3			7		4	
				3				
	8		4			2	1	
				9				7
9		2		5				8
	5	4			6		9	

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